IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In Re	Theola Strickland)	
		Debtor(s))	Case No. 21-04325
)	Chapter 13
)	Judge Jacqueline P. Cox

NOTICE OF MOTION

To:

M. O. Marshall, Chapter 13 Trustee, 55 East Monroe St., Suite 3850 Chicago, IL 60603, via electronic court notification;

Theola Strickland, 6230 S Indiana Ave, Apt 1 Chicago, IL 60637, via U.S. mail;

Attached parties as listed on Notice of 341 Meeting of Creditors and Certificate of Notice (served via U.S. Mail or ECF).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 24, 2021 at 10:30 AM I shall appear before Judge Jacqueline P. Cox at Appear by Telephone and present the attached motion and you may appear if you so choose. The Bankruptcy Court will hold a hearing to consider a request by Debtor(s) Counsel for payment of legal fees in the amount of \$4500.00 plus expenses of \$357.07, if there are no objections, the Court may confirm the plan and allow fees requested by Debtor's counsel to be paid through the plan.

This motion will be presented and heard electronically using Zoom for Government. No personal appearance in court is necessary or permitted. To appear and be heard on the motion, you must do the following:

To appear by video, use this link: https://www.zoomgov.com/. Then enter the meeting ID and password.

To appear by telephone, call Zoom for Government at 1-669-254-5252 or 1-646-828-7666. Then enter the meeting ID and password.

Meeting ID and password. The meeting ID for this hearing is 1612732896 and the password is 778135. The meeting ID and password can also be found on the judge's page on the court's web site.

If you object to this motion and want it called on the presentment date above, you must file a Notice of Objection no later than two (2) business days before that date. If a Notice of Objection is timely filed, the motion will be called on the presentment date. If no Notice of Objection is timely filed, the court may grant the motion in advance without a hearing.

/s/ Elizabeth Placek Attorney for Debtor The Semrad Law Firm, LLC 20 South Clark Street, 28th Floor Chicago, IL60603 (312) 913-0625

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, certify that I caused this Notice and a copy of the attached document(s) to be served upon the entities named above by depositing the same in the U.S. Postal Service's mail box at 20 S. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60603, on April 29 2021, except that the Trustee and any other party indicated in the Notice of Filing were served electronically by the court on such date.

/s/ Elizabeth Placek Attorney for Debtor

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Information to identify the case:			
Debtor 1	Theola Strickland	Social Security number or ITIN xxx-xx-8689	
	First Name Middle Name Last Name	EIN	
Debtor 2	First Name Middle Name Last Name	Social Security number or ITIN	
(Spouse, if filing)	First Name Middle Name Last Name	EIN	
United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois		Date case filed for chapter 13 4/1/21	
Case number: 21	-04325		

Official Form 3091

Notice of Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Case

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For the debtors listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.

This notice has important information about the case for creditors, debtors, and trustees, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read both pages carefully.

The filing of the case imposed an automatic stay against most collection activities. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the debtors, the debtors' property, and certain codebtors. For example, while the stay is in effect, creditors cannot sue, garnish wages, assert a deficiency, repossess property, or otherwise try to collect from the debtors. Creditors cannot demand repayment from debtors by mail, phone, or otherwise. Creditors who violate the stay can be required to pay actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees. Under certain circumstances, the stay may be limited to 30 days or not exist at all, although debtors can ask the court to extend or impose a stay.

Confirmation of a chapter 13 plan may result in a discharge. Creditors who assert that the debtors are not entitled to a discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1328(f) must file a motion objecting to discharge in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadline specified in this notice. Creditors who want to have their debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the same deadline. (See line 13 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below or through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at https://pacer.uscourts.gov).

The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

To help creditors correctly identify debtors, debtors submit full Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, which may appear on a version of this notice. However, the full numbers must not appear on any document filed with the court.

Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case. Do not include more than the last four digits of a Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number in any document, including attachments, that you file with the court.

		About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2:
1.	Debtor's full name	Theola Strickland	About Bestol 2.
2.	All other names used in the last 8 years		
3.	Address	6230 S Indiana Ave Apt 1 Chicago, IL 60637	
4.	Debtor's attorney Name and address	Thomas E Nield The Semrad Law Firm, LLC 20 S. Clark Street, 28th Floor Chicago, IL 60603	Contact phone (312) – 913–0625 Email: tnield@semradlaw.com
5.	Bankruptcy trustee Name and address	M.O. Marshall 55 E. Monroe Street, Suite 3850 Chicago, IL 60603	Contact phone 312 294–5900
6.	Bankruptcy clerk's office Documents in this case may be filed at this address. You may inspect all records filed in this case at this office or online at https://pacer.uscourts.gov .	Eastern Division 219 S Dearborn 7th Floor Chicago, IL 60604	Hours open: 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. Contact phone 1–866–222–8029 Date: 4/2/21

For more information, see page 2

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Debtor Theola Strickland		Case number 21–0432
7. Meeting of creditors Debtors must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath. In a joint case, both spouses must attend. Creditors may attend, but are not required to do so.	The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date will be on the court	Location: Appear by Video Conference. Visit, www.13network.com/trustees/chi/, chihome.aspx?tc=chi
	docket. Debtors must bring a picture ID and proof of their Social Security Number.	
B. Deadlines The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive these documents and any required filing fee by the following	Deadline to file a complaint to challenge dischargeability of certain debts:	Filing deadline: 6/28/21
deadlines.	 You must file: a motion if you assert that the debtors are not entitled to receive a discharge under U.S.C. § 1328(f) or a complaint if you want to have a particular debt excepted from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2) or (4). 	
	Deadline for all creditors to file a proof of claim (except governmental units):	Filing deadline: 6/10/21
	Deadline for governmental units to file a proof or claim:	f Filing deadline: 9/28/21
	Deadlines for filing proof of claim: A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's www.uscourts.gov or any bankruptcy clerk's office. If you do not file a proof of claim by the deadline, you might not a proof of claim even if your claim is listed in the schedules the Secured creditors retain rights in their collateral regardless of claim submits the creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy For example, a secured creditor who files a proof of claim may including the right to a jury trial.	ot be paid on your claim. To be paid, you must file at the debtor filed. whether they file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of court, with consequences a lawyer can explain.
	Deadline to object to exemptions: The law permits debtors to keep certain property as exempt. It believe that the law does not authorize an exemption claimed, may file an objection.	Filing deadline: 30 days after the conclusion of the meeting of creditors
9. Filing of plan	The debtor has filed a plan. The plan is enclosed. The hearing 5/24/21 at 10:30 AM, Location: Appear Using Zoom for Gov this link: https://www.zoomgov.com/ or to appear by telep 1–669–254–5252 or 1–646–828–7666. Then enter the meeting	rernment, Judge Cox. To appear by video, use hone, call Zoom for Government at
	The Disclosure of Compensation has been filed. requesting fees of \$ 4500.00 Objections to confirmation of the Plan shall be filed hearing. If there are no objections, the Court may copy debtor's counsel to be paid through the plan.	at least 7 days prior to the confirmation
10. Creditors with a foreign address	If you are a creditor receiving a notice mailed to a foreign add extend the deadline in this notice. Consult an attorney familian any questions about your rights in this case.	ress, you may file a motion asking the court to with United States bankruptcy law if you have
11. Filing a chapter 13 bankruptcy case	Chapter 13 allows an individual with regular income and debts according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court coplan and appear at the confirmation hearing. A copy the plan, confirmation hearing is not indicated on this notice, you will be debtor will remain in possession of the property and may cont court orders otherwise.	nfirms it. You may object to confirmation of the if not enclosed, will be sent to you later, and if the sent notice of the confirmation hearing. The
12. Exempt property	The law allows debtors to keep certain property as exempt. Fit distributed to creditors, even if the case is converted to chapte exempt. You may inspect that list at the bankruptcy clerk's offit believe that the law does not authorize an exemption that deb deadline.	er 7. Debtors must file a list of property claimed as ce or online at https://pacer.uscourts.gov . If you
13. Discharge of debts	Confirmation of a chapter 13 plan may result in a discharge of However, unless the court orders otherwise, the debts will not are made. A discharge means that creditors may never try to as provided in the plan. If you want to have a particular debt e 523(a)(2) or (4), you must file a complaint and pay the filing fell fyou believe that the debtors are not entitled to a discharge of must file a motion by the deadline.	be discharged until all payments under the plan collect the debt from the debtors personally except xcepted from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § e in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline.

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United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois

In re: Case No. 21-04325-JPC Theola Strickland Chapter 13

Debtor

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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Date Rcvd: Apr 02, 2021 Form ID: 309I Total Noticed: 20

The following symbols are used throughout this certificate:

Symbol Definition

+ Addresses marked '+' were corrected by inserting the ZIP, adding the last four digits to complete the zip +4, or replacing an incorrect ZIP. USPS regulations require that automation-compatible mail display the correct ZIP.

Notice by first class mail was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center on Apr 04, 2021:

Recip ID		Recipient Name and Address
db	+	Theola Strickland, 6230 S Indiana Ave, Apt 1, Chicago, IL 60637-2210
29307904		At&T (Cable/Cellular), 208 S. Akard, Tornado, WV 25202
29307914		City Of Chicago - Parking And Red Light, Department Of Revenue - P.O. Box 88292, Chicago, IL 60680
29307909	+	Div Adj Serv, 600 Coon Rapids Bv, Coon Rapids, MN 55433-5549
29307913	+	First Midwest Bank, 3800 Rock Creed Boulevard, Joliet, IL 60431-7939
29307911	+	Sequium Asset Solution, 1130 Northchase Parkway, Suite 150, Marietta, GA 30067-6429
29307900	+	UPCONNECTION, 6707 GROVER, OMAHA, NE 68106-3611
29307907	+	Us Dept Of Ed/Glelsi, 2401 International Ln, Madison, WI 53704-3121

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Notice by electronic transmission was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center.

Electronic transmission includes sending notices via email (Email/text and Email/PDF), and electronic data interchange (EDI). Electronic transmission is in Eastern Standard Time.

Stundard Time.			
Recip ID aty	Notice Type: Email Address Email/Text: tnield@semradlaw.com	Date/Time	Recipient Name and Address
uty		Apr 02 2021 22:01:00	Thomas E Nield, The Semrad Law Firm, LLC, 20 S. Clark Street, 28th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603
tr	Email/Text: bncnotice@55chapter13.com	Apr 02 2021 22:02:00	M.O. Marshall, 55 E. Monroe Street, Suite 3850, Chicago, IL 60603
ust	+ Email/Text: USTPREGION11.ES.ECF@USDOJ.GOV	Apr 02 2021 22:02:00	Patrick S Layng, Office of the U.S. Trustee, Region 11, 219 S Dearborn St, Room 873, Chicago, IL 60604-2027
29307912	+ EDI: ACBK.COM	Apr 03 2021 01:33:00	American Credit Acceptance, Attn: Marie Brisbon, 961 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302-2185
29307910	+ EDI: AMSHER.COM	Apr 03 2021 01:33:00	Amsher Collection Serv, 4524 SOUTHLAKE PKWY STE, HOOVER, AL 35244-3270
29307905	+ Email/Text: bankruptcy.notifications@fisglobal.com	Apr 02 2021 22:03:00	Chexsystems, 7805 Hudson Rd # 100, Woodbury, MN 55125-1703
29307908	+ Email/Text: bankruptcy@jdbyrider.com	Apr 02 2021 22:03:00	Cnac, 12802 Hamilton Crossing Blvd, Carmel, IN 46032-5424
29307906	+ EDI: PHINHARRIS	Apr 03 2021 01:33:00	Harris & Harris Ltd, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60654-1421
29307899	EDI: AISSPRINT	Apr 03 2021 01:33:00	Sprint Pcs, P.O. Box 1769, Newark, NJ 07101
29307903	+ EDI: CBS7AVE	Apr 03 2021 01:33:00	Seventh Ave, 1112 7th Ave, Monroe, WI 53566-1364
29307902	+ EDI: CBS7AVE	Apr 03 2021 01:33:00	Seventh Avenue, PO Box 800849, c/o Creditors Bankruptcy Service; Attn:, Dallas, TX 75380-0849
29307901	EDI: AISTMBL.COM	Apr 03 2021 01:33:00	T-Mobile Bankruptcy Team, P.O. Box 53410, Bellevue, WA 98015

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BYPASSED RECIPIENTS

The following addresses were not sent this bankruptcy notice due to an undeliverable address, *duplicate of an address listed above, *P duplicate of a preferred address, or ## out of date forwarding orders with USPS.

NONE

NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Apr 04, 2021 Signature: /s/Joseph Speetjens

CM/ECF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

The following persons/entities were sent notice through the court's CM/ECF electronic mail (Email) system on April 2, 2021 at the address(es) listed below:

Name Email Address

M.O. Marshall

ecf@55chapter13.com ecfchi@gmail.com

Patrick S Layng

USTPRegion11.ES.ECF@usdoj.gov

Thomas E Nield

on behalf of Debtor 1 Theola Strickland tnield@semradlaw.com ilnb.courtview@SLFCourtview.com

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Case 21-04325 Doc 17 Filed 04/29/21 Entered 04/29/21 13:40:57 Page 7 of 15 Document UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Fastern Division

In Re:)	BK No.: 21-04325
Theola Strickland)	
)	Chapter: 13
)	Honorable Jacqueline Cox
Debtor(s))	SELECT IF OUTLYING AREA

ATTORNEY'S APPLICATION FOR CHAPTER 13 COMPENSATION UNDER THE COURT-APPROVED RETENTION AGREEMENT

(Use for cases filed on or after April 20, 2015)

The undersigned attorney seeks compensation pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(4)(B) and the Court-Approved **Retention Agreement** executed by the debtor(s) and the attorney, for representing the interests of the debtor(s) in this case.

Use of Court-Approved Retention Agreement:

The attorney and the debtor(s) have entered into the Court-Approved Retention Agreement.

Attorney Certification:

The attorney hereby certifies that:

- All disclosures required by General Order No. 11-2 have been made. 1.
- 2. The attorney and the debtor(s) have either:
 - (i) not entered into any other agreements that provide for the attorney to receive:
 - any kind of compensation, reimbursement, or other payment, or a.
 - any form of, or security for, compensation, reimbursement, or other payment that b. from the Court-Approved Retention Agreement; or varies
 - (ii) have specifically discussed and understand that:
 - the Bankruptcy Code may require a debtor's attorney to provide the debtor with a. certain documents and agreements at the start of the representation;
 - the terms of the Court-Approved Retention Agreement take the place of any b. conflicting provision in an earlier agreement;
 - the Court-Approved Retention Agreement cannot be modified in any way by other C. agreements; and
 - any provision of another agreement between the debtor and the attorney that conflicts d. with the Court-Approved Retention Agreement is void.

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Compensation sought for services in this case pursuant to the Court-Approved Retention Agreement:

\$ 4500.00 flat fee for services through case closing

Reimbursement sought for expenses in this case:

- \$ 313.00 for filing fee paid by the attorney with the attorney's funds
- \$ 44.07 for other expenses incurred in connection with the case and paid by the attorney with the attorney's funds (itemization must be attached)
- \$ 357.07 Total reimbursement requested for expenses.

Funds previously paid to the attorney by or on behalf of the debtor(s) in the year before filing this case and not reflected in or related to the Court-Approved Retention Agreement:

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A total of \$

Date of Application: 4/29/2021 Attorney Signature /s/Elizabeth Placek

Expenses

Docket No: 21-04325

Debtor(s): Theola Strickland

<u>Expense</u>	Date Incurred	Total Charge
CREDIT REPORT- Single \$9.07	3/23/2021	\$9.07
FILING FEE CHAPTER 13	3/25/2021	\$313.00
MONEY SHARP CREDIT COUNSELING - Single	3/25/2021	\$10.00
COPIES	3/25/2021	\$10.00
POSTAGE	3/25/2021	\$10.00
TAX TRANSCRIPTS	3/25/2021	\$5.00

TOTAL CHARGE \$357.07

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

	Norther	n District of Illinois	
n re	Theola Strickland	Case No.	21-04325
_	Debtor		(If known)
		Chapter	Chapter 13
DIS	CLOSURE OF COMPENSATION	OF ATTORNEY FOR D	EBTOR - AMENDED
1.	. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(compensation paid to me within one year before the filin rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in c	ig of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed	to be paid to me, for services
	For legal services, I have agreed to accept		\$4,500.00
	Prior to the filing of this statement I have received		\$0.00
	Balance Due		\$4,500.00
2.	. The source of the compensation paid to me was:		
	✓ Debtor Other	(specify)	
3.	. The source of the compensation paid to me is:		
	✓ Debtor Other	(specify)	
4.	I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed commembers and associates of my law firm.	pensation with any other person unless th	ney are
	I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensements or associates of my law firm. A copy of the the people sharing in the compensation, is attached	e agreement, together with a list of the nar	
5.	. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to re	nder legal service for all aspects of the bar	nkruptcy case, including:
	 a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and r bankruptcy; 	endering advice to the debtor in determini	ing whether to file a petition in
	b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules,	statements of affairs and plan which may	be required;
	c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of cr	reditors and confirmation hearing, and any	y adjourned hearings thereof;
	d. Representation of the debtor in adversary proceed	edings and other contested bankruptcy ma	atters;
6.	. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee	e does not include the following services:	
	С	ERTIFICATION	
	I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any tor(s) in this bankruptcy proceedings.	agreement or arrangement for payment to	me for representation of the
	4/28/2021	/s/ Thomas Nield	
	Date	Signature of Attorney	
		Semrad Law Firm	
		Name of law firm	

Form 13-8

COURT-APPROVED RETENTION AGREEMENT

(for cases filed on or after March 15, 2021)

This agreement describes the rights and duties of debtors and their lawyers in Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases in the Northern District of Illinois. The debtor and lawyer must enter into this agreement for the lawyer to receive a flat fee of $\frac{4500.00}{1}$ as compensation in the case. By signing this agreement, the debtor and lawyer agree to do everything this agreement requires.

DO NOT sign this agreement unless you have read it and understand it.

This agreement replaces any conflicting agreement between the debtor and the lawyer. If any provision of another agreement conflicts with this agreement, the lawyer will not be awarded a flat fee as compensation in the case.

The lawyer must perform all tasks reasonably necessary for the bankruptcy case. Performance of those tasks is a condition of receiving the flat fee. The lawyer may not charge any other fees for representing the debtor in the case. The sole exception, explained below, is representation of the debtor in certain lawsuits in the bankruptcy case known as adversary proceedings.

1. Duties of the Debtor and the Lawyer

A. Counseling Before Filing a Bankruptcy Case

Before a bankruptcy case is filed, the debtor must provide financial and other information to the lawyer. The lawyer must evaluate the information and advise the debtor whether filing a bankruptcy case is appropriate, and if so, under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code. The lawyer must explain the advantages and disadvantages of filing a bankruptcy case.

If filing a chapter 13 bankruptcy case is appropriate, the lawyer must explain how and when attorneys' fees will be paid.

B. Documents for the Case

The lawyer or a member of the lawyer's staff must prepare all the documents required to be filed in the bankruptcy case. The debtor must provide all information the lawyer or a member of the lawyer's staff requests to prepare the documents. Failure to provide requested information will make it difficult or impossible for the lawyer to file the case or to represent the debtor once the case is filed. The lawyer must review each document with the debtor, who must approve and sign the documents.

C. Representation of the Debtor throughout the Case

The lawyer must represent the debtor at the § 341 meeting of creditors and in all court

hearings. The lawyer must prepare and file all motions necessary for the case and must represent the debtor on all other motions that affect the debtor's interests.

The lawyer must examine all claims creditors file in the case and must object to claims if appropriate.

The lawyer must be available to answer the debtor's questions about the case and must answer them in a timely manner.

The debtor must notify the lawyer of any significant change in the debtor's circumstances, such as the loss of a job or the proposed purchase or sale of a home or car. The debtor must also notify the lawyer of any change in the debtor's address, phone number, or email address.

If the debtor and the lawyer decide that the case should be converted to a case under chapter 7, the lawyer must file the notice of conversion.

The lawyer must file and represent the debtor in adversary proceedings for turnover of property of the bankruptcy estate.

2. Attorneys' Fees and Expenses

A. Flat Fee for Attorneys' Fees

The lawyer may charge a flat fee for all services required in this agreement. The flat fee may not exceed the amount permitted by the court when the case is filed.

The flat fee does not cover:

- representing the debtor in adversary proceedings other than for turnover of estate property
- representing the debtor in the chapter 7 case, if the case is converted to chapter 7
- representing the debtor in appeals

The debtor and the lawyer can negotiate an additional fee for representation in adversary proceedings not included in the flat fee and for representation in a chapter 7 case if the case is converted.

B. Expenses

The lawyer may also charge the debtor for certain actual, necessary expenses incurred in representing the debtor as permitted in this paragraph. These expenses are in addition to the flat attorney's fees. The court must approve all expenses.

The lawyer may charge the debtor for the following expenses:

- Court filing fees
- Fees charged by a credit reporting agency for a credit report
- Copying and postage charges as follows:
 - 1. A flat fee not to exceed \$25 for all copying and postage charges in the case. The copying and postage charges need not be itemized.

or

- 2. The actual amount of postage and copying costs (no more than \$0.10 per page) incurred in the case. The itemization must state (a) the number of copies and the dates when the copies were made, and (2) the dates and amounts of postage charges incurred.
- Fees charged by the IRS or other taxing authorities to obtain tax returns
- Other actual, necessary expenses, but only if the lawyer submits to the court an itemization of the expenses with supporting copies of invoices or other documents

The lawyer may not charge the debtor for an outside service that serves documents filed in the bankruptcy case.

C. Advance Payment to the Lawyer

The lawyer and the debtor must agree on whether the debtor will pay any or all of the attorneys' fee owed for the case before it is filed.

If the debtor makes a payment before the case is filed, the payment will be treated as an advance payment retainer.

The lawyer must explain to the debtor how an advance payment retainer is treated. The lawyer will not hold the retainer in a client trust account and it will become property of the lawyer upon payment. The special purpose of the advance payment retainer is that it permits the lawyer to be paid for essential work that must be performed before the court can consider the lawyer's fee application. The lawyer is not required to keep detailed time records because this is a flat fee agreement. The lawyer need not refund any portion of the advance payment if work is not performed, unless the court orders the lawyer to do so.

D. Payment of the Balance during the Case

Attorneys' fees not paid before the case is filed will be paid to the lawyer by the trustee out of the debtor's plan payments. The debtor may not pay the lawyer directly after the case is filed.

The debtor's Chapter 13 plan may not provide for current monthly payments to secured creditors that are other than in equal amounts. The lawyer may not file a Chapter 13 plan for the debtor in which payments to a secured creditor are set at an amount that accelerates payments to the lawyer.

E. Additional Fees in Extraordinary Circumstances

In extraordinary circumstances, the lawyer may apply to the court for additional compensation. The application must be accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered.

3. Coverage Counsel

A. Disclosure of the Practice

If the debtor's lawyer has a practice of using other lawyers not employed at the same firm to perform any of the lawyer's obligations under this agreement, he must disclose that practice to the debtor before the debtor signs the agreement.

B. Identifying Coverage Counsel

If the debtor's lawyer asks another lawyer not employed at the same firm to represent the debtor at the meeting of creditors or at any court appearance, the debtor's lawyer must notify the debtor in advance and must provide the name of the lawyer who will represent the debtor.

C. Providing Information to Coverage Counsel

If the debtor has information to give the other lawyer for the meeting of creditors or for a court appearance, the debtor must give that information to the debtor's lawyer. The debtor's lawyer must then promptly forward the information to the lawyer representing the debtor at the meeting or in court.

4. Dismissal or Conversion of the Case

If the bankruptcy case is dismissed or converted to another chapter before all plan payments have been made, the attorneys' fees paid to the lawyer are not refundable, unless the court orders the fees refunded.

If the bankruptcy case is dismissed after the court has granted the lawyer's application for compensation, the lawyer will not enforce the order granting the application against the debtor for any unpaid fees or expenses.

5. Termination of this Agreement

The debtor may terminate this agreement at any time. By terminating the agreement, the debtor ends the lawyer's representation. If the lawyer has not been paid in full when the

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agreement is terminated, the court may reduce the balance of attorneys' fees owed based on the services the lawyer provided before termination.

If the debtor terminates this agreement and hires another lawyer, the court may apportion the flat fee between the lawyers.

The lawyer may terminate this agreement only with court approval.

6. Amount of Attorneys' Fees and Ex	penses
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Amount of Accorneys Tees and Expenses			
A.	Attorneys' Fees:		
	The debtor agrees to pay the lawyer a flat fee of \$ 4500.00 for the lawyer's services in the chapter 13 case.		
B.	Expenses:		
	The estimated expenses for the case	are: \$352.07	
	These expenses are for:		
	Copies/postage	\$20.00	
	Credit Report	\$ <u>9.07</u>	
	Chapter 13 filing fee	\$313.00	
	Credit Counseling	\$ <u>10.00</u>	
C.	Total Fees and Estimated Expense	s: \$4852.07	
	Advance payment by debtor:	\$ <u>0</u>	
	Balance owed by debtor:	\$ <u>4852.07</u>	
{signature:debtor}			
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		Date: April 28, 2021	
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